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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
NAOHIKO HIROTA, ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: 10/550,528 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: BARLEY LIPOXYGENASE 1 :  
GENE, METHOD OF SELECTING  
BARLEY VARIETY, MATERIAL OF  
MALT ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MALT  
ALCOHOLIC DRINK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Communication dated August 29, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.